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SUBJECT: CLC'S REACTION TO APRIL 22 MEETING WITH GOC AND  
BUSINESS LEADERS

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1. CANADIAN LABOUR CONGRESS (CLC) PRESIDENT MORRIS TOLD  
LABATT THAT HE FELT APRIL 22 MEETING WITH BUSINESS AND  
GOC WAS IMPORTANT FIRST STEP IN TRI-PARTITE CONSULTATION  
BUT EXPOSED VARIOUS OBSTACLES CONFRONTING TERMINATION OF  
CONTROLS AND ESTABLISHMENT OF PERMANENT CONSULTATIVE BODY.

2. ON CONTROLS, GOC WANTS SPECIFIC GUARANTEES OF RESTRAINT  
THAT NEITHER BUSINESS NOR LABOR CAN GIVE. WITH EXCEPTION  
OF JOHN BULLOCH, PRESIDENT, FEDERATION OF INDEPENDENT  
BUSINESS, OTHER EMPLOYER REPRESENTATIVES FAVOR SPEEDY  
TERMINATION OF ALL CONTROLS. BOTH LABOR AND BUSINESS  
ARGUE THAT STATE OF ECONOMY WILL HAVE RESTRAINING INFLUENCE  
ON WAGES AND PRICES. MORRIS WILL ASSEMBLE LEADERS OF CLC  
AFFILIATES ON MAY 12 IN HOPES OF GETTING COMMITMENTS FOR  
MODEST BARGAINING DEMANDS FROM AS MANY AFFILIATED UNIONS  
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AS POSSIBLE, PROVIDING THAT BUSINESS LEADERS WILL SEEK  
SIMILAR COMMITMENTS WITHIN THEIR CONSTITUENCY. ACCORDING  
TO MORRIS, BUSINESS IS PREPARED TO ACCEPT POST CONTROL  
MONITORING AGENCY WITHOUT ENFORCEMENT POWERS WHILE LABOR  
STILL HAS TO ARTICULATE ITS POSITION.

3. CONCERNING CREATION OF A CONSULTATIVE FORUM, THERE IS

STILL DIVERGENCE OF VIEWS. CLC WANTS AN EFFECTIVE TRI-PARTITE BODY TO DEAL WITH KEY ECONOMIC QUESTIONS, I.E., TRADE, INVESTMENT, TRANSFER PAYMENTS, UNEMPLOYMENT, ETC., WITH POSSIBLY A MULTIPARTITE UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION TO MEET GOC'S DEMANDS TO INVOLVE SUCH GROUPS AS FARMERS AND CONSUMERS. BUSINESS STILL FAVORS BILATERAL FORUM WITH GOC AND SEPARATELY WITH CLC. BUSINESS AND LABOR LEADERS ARE CONSULTING TODAY, APRIL 26 IN FURTHER EFFORT TO CLARIFY THEIR RESPECTIVE POSITIONS IN WAKE OF LAST WEEK'S MEETING WITH GOC. ENDERS

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